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The butcher boy says

WE'VE GOT TO BE THANKFUL FOR



And so you will have too if you buy your New Years Turkey here. A celebration of this great American holiday will not be a complete success unless you have "Turk" for dinner. We have the bird befitting the day and the occasion. Tell us to save one for you.

F. H. MILKS

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HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR

For one and all, and our thanks for their liberal patronage during the closing year of 1912.

BRENNER'S CASH STORE

TO CLOSE OUT A BIG LINE OF
Boys' Rubbers

AT 50 CENTS A PAIR
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Boys' Heavy Sweaters = 35c
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The Best Our Grocery Department is always in Tip-Top Order. We can furnish your table wants with groceries that are fresh and delicious--delivered promptly.

AT H. PETERSEN'S GROCERY STORE

Start the New Year Right

And Subscribe for the Avalanche

You'll enjoy it the year around and it will give you many an interesting article to your benefit.

REV. FLEMING WRITES FROM ALMA

INTERESTING LETTER FROM OUR FORMER PASTOR.

Something About Alma And a Message to Grayling Friends.

Alma, Mich.
To the Editor of Dec. 21, 1912.
Crawford Avalanche,
Grayling, Mich.

My Dear Schumann:

The approach of the Christmas holidays reminds us of those delightful social obligations which rests upon us with every round of the seasons.

If our pocket-books are strained to meet the demands of these festive days it depends upon the great depth of our social nature and thus adds richness and sentiment to life.

Naturally I fell to thinking about Grayling friends and across those invisible "wires" of friendship, more potent than the electrical, flashed the unspoken word, and I wondered what my friends there are doing nowadays. Busy, no doubt, just as we all are during this busiest of busy seasons.

We are getting accustomed to our new surroundings; tho, in the social scale, it is not Grayling.

This is no reflection upon Alma, whose social, educational and religious advantages are second to none in the state, but most of the people here are still strangers to me. I am sure we shall come to enjoy our new home in Alma, more and more, as we become better acquainted.

This young and growing city, of something over 3,500 inhabitants, has many natural resources besides a splendid farming country around about it. But its acquired advantages bring it into the lime light of public notice as few cities of the size can boast.

Wealth and culture have done much for Alma, and promises to do much more. It's becoming a manufacturing center of considerable prominence in this part of the state. The Automobile Truck Co. is putting out some of the best and largest machines of the kind in the country.

Everyone knows something about Alma college, but few people I suppose have heard of the college extension system which the new president is pushing toward success; a system which proposes to bring the college to the doors of other towns in this part of Michigan.

The public school of Alma with their fine new high school building, measures up pretty well up to the college in their system of instruction. The new boulevard electric light system, with its 61 posts, surmounted with three large globes of 60 power tungsten lamps, makes the street almost as light as day.

The wiring is all under ground, thus doing away with the unsightly poles.

Next to the college, the Masonic Home brings Alma in touch with the larger constituency of Michigan.

Through the generosity of Mr. A.

W. Wright, the Masons of Michigan received one of the richest bequests ever given to a leading fraternity in the country. It is a beautiful home of which the Free Masons of Michigan are justly proud.

My family and myself were entertained at St. Louis, Thanksgiving day with relatives.

One who sat with us at the table and enjoyed that innumerable hospitality was a guest from the Masonic Home—a delightful old lady and a special friend of the family.

Thereby hangs a tale of tender sentiment, and early pioneer history.

This old lady of whom I speak belonged to the highest circles of wealth and social standing in the state. Her husband's father was a prominent politician and ran for governor of Michigan back in the forties; but reverses of fortune wrought havoc in the estate and she is her enjoying the quiet of the home in cheerful content, honored and loved, and awaiting the Home gathering over there.

I could tell you another whom I know personally, whose history, if told, would reveal a bit of pioneer romance in which her father figured as the founder of one of the most beautiful villages in southern Michigan.

Reverently, almost, they speak of the Home as their earthly heritage, bequeathed from those they loved as members of the fraternal order so dear to them.

Here's to the Grayling friends! May the holiday season of 1912-13 bring you much of joy and prosperity!

May its blessing last the whole year round.

Sincerely,

J. HUMPHRY FLEMING.

He Advertised—At Last.

There was a man in our town,
And he was wonderous wise;
He awoke (it was his policy)
He would not advertise,
But one sad day he advertised,
And thereby hangs a tale,
The ad was set in quite small type
And headed "Sheriff's Sale."

HIS NEW YEAR THOUGHTS

The Eloquent Hopelessness of the Well-Known Author, Robert Louis Stevenson.

Beautiful in its simplicity and eloquence is the following gem for New Year meditation, culled from the magic pages of that lamented master of English prose—Robert Louis Stevenson.

"To be honest, to be kind—to earn a little, and to spend a little less, to make the whole family happier for his presence, to renounce when that shall be necessary and not be embittered, to keep a few friends but those without capitulation—above all, on the same grim condition to keep friends with himself—here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy. He has an ambitious soul who would ask more; he has hopeful spirit who should look in such an enterprise to be successful."

He resolves to be kind to all stray cats.

FIDO'S RESOLUTION.



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Mrs. Frank S. Burgess.

Mrs. Cora M. Burgess, wife of Frank S. Burgess, passed away at her home last Saturday evening at 9:15 o'clock. Mrs. Burgess had been ill health for the past year, suffering from diabetes and an attack of winter cholera which were the causes of her death.

Mrs. Burgess was formerly Miss Cora M. Ballard, and was born in Genesee county. She came to Grayling about 15 years ago and on April 30, 1907 she was married to Mr. Frank Burgess, to whom the loss of his wife and companion comes as a severe shock.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Methodist church, officiated by Rev. V. J. Hufton and interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

In the death of Mrs. Burgess there are left in her immediate family, her husband, two sisters, Mrs. Marion Adams, of Clare county and Miss Edith Ballard, of this city; a brother, James Ballard, of Buckley, and Ransom Burgess, a stepson.

Other relatives in attendance at the funeral were Mrs. Ella Jones, of Chilo; Chelton Heath and Miss Eddie Heath, of Birch Run; and Mrs. Julia Ingles, of Mackinaw City.

The community extends to the bereaved husband and others, their heartfelt sympathy.

We cordially extend to the people of this section our best wishes for a Happy New Year. May good fortune smile upon you and bring you fortune and good cheer, with our thanks and appreciation for the many courtesies extended to us during the year 1912, we humbly remain sincerely yours

C. J. HATHAWAY

ist home ornaments are bright joyous faces: and were these are wanting, all else go for little.

CITY ATTRACTIONS.

The illustration of the sea bird drawn to its doom by the glare of the beacon lights finds no truer prototype than in the case of the country girl lured from her home by dreams of fortune to be realized in the great city.

As ignorant of the wiles of evil as a mouse is of the mechanism of a trap, unsophisticated in the blandishments of sin, holding to the belief that sheep and goats never mingle she drops into the maelstrom of a city existence as a snowflake settles into a river.

"One moment white, then gone forever." There lie in wait for innocence the wide world over, a legion of plotting devils arrayed in livery of light, honest appearing advertisements that are tent hooks with which the devil angles our souls; employers who fearlessly take the pains to hide the fangs of wolves behind their smiling lips; boarding houses infested

with other and more hideous vermin than the rat and the roach. Companionship of more fatal effect to the soul than hydrant water to the health; counselors who spin viewless webs and plot ruin as the spider works destruction to the stupid fly. All these and a great many more pitfalls lie in the way of a country girl as she turns her light step from the cowslip and green turf to take her place in the ranks of those who walk the daily path of toil.

Girls listen to your mothers; you will never regret it. No matter what your advantages are above what hers were,

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WOMEN WITH PRETTY HANDS

Chinese Have the Most Beautiful—Spanish Use Theirs Best.

A Kieff paper publishes a study of women's hands by Mme. Slobinoff, which has been reproduced in a Paris magazine. According to this authority Chinese women have the most beautiful hands. Their fingers are narrow, free from knots, as soft as velvet yet not flabby, but they keep the nails of the left hand a little long.

Hebrew women have fine hands, although the bones are too tender, with the result that the last joint has a tendency to turn outward.

American women, by taking great pains, have fine hands in appearance, but they are hard on contact. The back of their hands is slightly reddened and the inner side hardened by sports.

German women have villainous hands, and English women are not much better. Russian and French women have small hands, even too small, and they load them with rings. Rings should be used only to hide defects.

Italian women also have small hands, but they do not keep them clean. The hands of a Spanish woman have a classic beauty and their movements are incomparable. Such hands cannot be described; they can only be admired. When they manipulate a fan, or roll a cigarette, when they raise a skirt or arrange a mantilla it is always done with infinite grace. A Spanish woman alone knows how to use her hands as they truly should be used.—New York Sun.

What Every Wife Needs.

She needs a good temper, a cheerful disposition and knowledge of how her husband should be treated. She needs a capability of looking on the bright side of life and refusing to be worried by small things. She needs a secure grasp of such subjects as are of interest to men and should not be above studying even politics in order to understand should her husband speak of them. She needs a sympathetic nature in order that she should sorrow fall upon them; she may be able to give comfort to her husband, says Woman's Life. She needs to understand something of sick nursing; a wife with no notion of what to do in cases of illness is but a useless thing. She needs considerable tact and patience, the one to enable her to know when to remain silent and vice versa, and the other to put up with him when his temper is ruffled.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Kissed the Women Jurors.

Hugs and kisses for the women and shaking hands for the men on the jury made up a part of the trial of Matthew Murray, an attorney of Tacoma, Wash., charged with defrauding an ignorant client. The young attorney's wife gave the kisses, and they followed the verdict of not guilty, caping the climax in the court, made sensational by the defendant's personal appeal to the jury in which he wept, the women on the jury doing likewise.

Public Protection of Health.

Students of civic affairs comment frequently on the reluctance of municipal authorities and taxpayers to spend money for health protection. It is difficult to convince the average legislator or citizen that appropriations for this purpose are of greater public benefit than the spending of large sums on the protection of property. We are all inclined to take chances on the lives of ourselves and our fellow citizens.—Chicago Record Herald.

The Girl Who Talks Loudly.

The greatest mistake girls can make is to talk loudly in public places. Unfortunately the habit of thus discussing people and private affairs is very prevalent in omnibuses, trains or tenements; and it often gives rise to a good deal of mischief, as there is great danger in talking over personal matters when the speaker is not aware who is near her, says Home Notes. The world is a very small place, after all, and such conversation may be made use of in an unexpected way.—Exchange.

Going Too Far.

Mitchell Kennerley, the New York publisher, had just rejected a novel. The mortified author called to see Mr. Kennerley at his office about it.

"I think you are making a grave mistake," the author said. "This book of mine is sensational. And don't you know, sir, that all the best sellers have been sensational of late?"

"That may be true," Mr. Kennerley answered coldly, "but surely it is going too far when you so mortify the English tongue as to make three or four sensations on every page."

Advantage.

"The attention I have given politics would have made me a fortune in private business," said the statesman. "Yes," replied Senator Sorghum, "but you are permitted to stay in the game, while if you had made a fortune you would be struggling to slip a contribution into somebody's campaign fund."

Sure Thing.

"I wonder what causes so many divorces?"

"Marriage"—Kansas City Star.

Economical.

Johnny—Mamma, will you wash my face?"

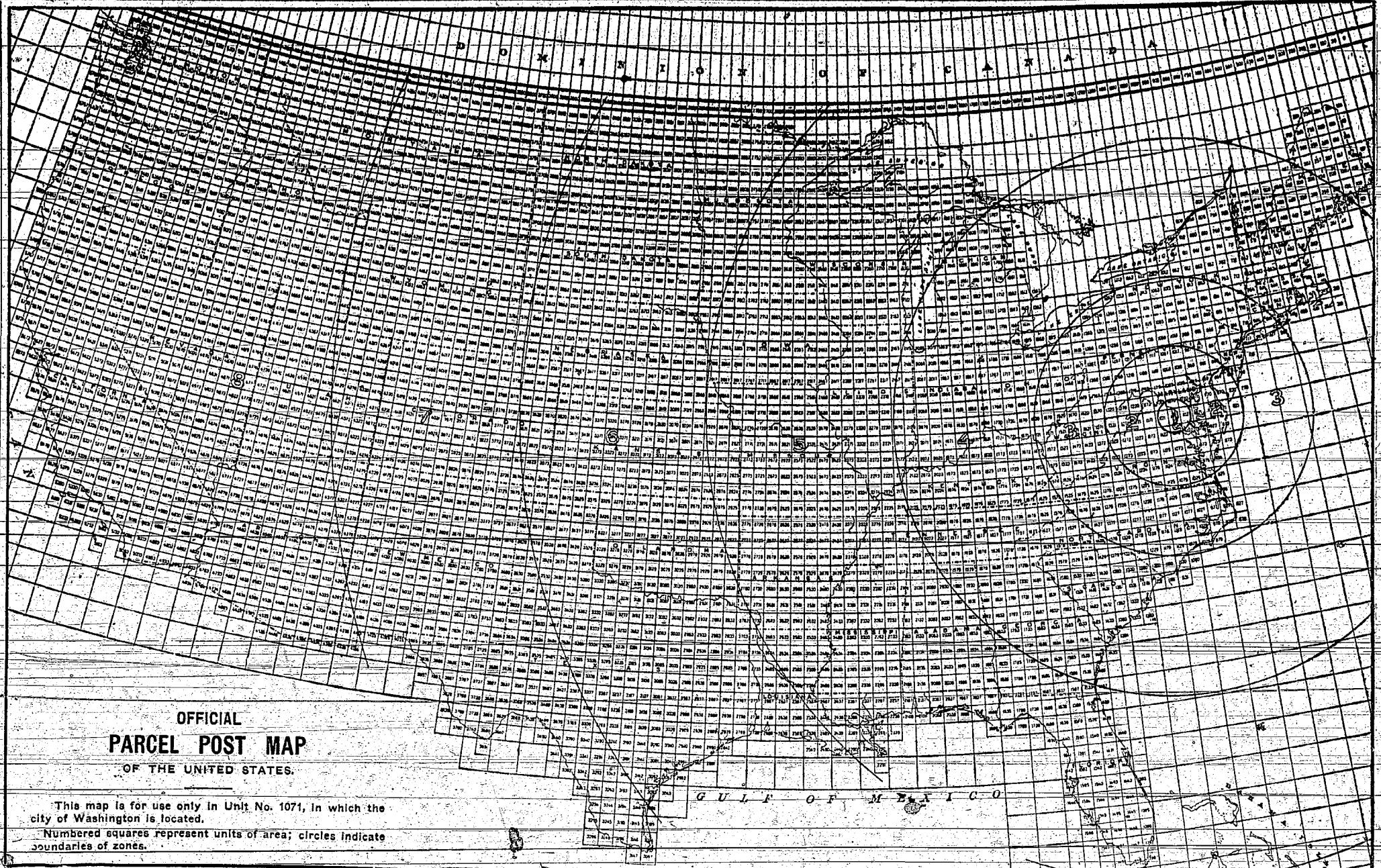
Mamma—Why, Johnny, can't you do that?"

Johnny—Yes, but I'll have to wet my hands, and they don't need it.—Lippincott's Magazine.

Possibly He Does.

"Does your husband drink to excess?"

"I don't know about that, but I suppose he does. Any excuse is good enough for him to drink to."



OFFICIAL PARCEL POST MAP OF THE UNITED STATES.

This map is for use only in Unit No. 1071, in which the city of Washington is located.

Numbered squares represent units of area; circles indicate boundaries of zones.

PARCEL POST RATES REGULATED THROUGH SYSTEM OF ZONES

Uncle Sam's New Enterprise Clearly Explained—How Charges Are Fixed and What Class of Merchandise May Be Carried Through the Mails Under the New Law.

By EDWARD B. CLARK.

With the coming of the New Year the United States government will enter into a new field of enterprise—the transmittal of merchandise by what is known as the parcel post.

How Rates Are Fixed.

It can be seen from this readily enough that the postal rates from Washington to its particular zone will be the same as the postal rates from Keokuk to its particular zones. Each unit being about thirty miles square will of course contain in most cases a number of post offices, but each office may extend over the first unit, any

drawn from Keokuk is the same distance as the radius of the circles drawn from Washington. Keokuk's Zone Six will be just as far from its center as Washington's Zone Six is from the center of the country.

The accompanying map shows the country divided into zones from the unit in which Washington is situated, as the center. Accompanying the map is a table showing the rate of postage per pound for parcels from Washington to places within all the zones.

Each unit contains an area thirty miles square. Now each unit is a center from which the zones are drawn and so every unit in the country no matter where it is situated will have zones drawn from it just exactly as Washington has them drawn from it. For instance, take Keokuk, in which is a unit in the fifth zone.

From that will be drawn circles exactly as they are drawn from Washington and they will be numbered from one to six, just as they are numbered from Washington as number one. Of course, however, Zone Six will have a different geographical position as related to Keokuk than it has as related to Washington, but as the radius of the circles

is the same in the same distance as the radius of the circles drawn from Washington, the radius of the circle drawn from Keokuk will be the same as the radius of the circle drawn from Washington.

It will be seen by reference to the table of rates of postage that it will cost more per pound to send a package a long distance than it does to send it a short distance. The rate increases for a package weighing one pound at the rate of one cent for each zone, as they are drawn from Washington, to any point in any one zone.

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No package weighing more than 11 pounds can be sent under the new parcel post law. It should be said right here that on the long hauls the parcel post may not be able to compete with the express companies, but that on shorter hauls it can compete. It was the expressed desire of the legislators and

of the postoffice officials that the parcel post system should be made of particular use to persons having farm and factory products to transmit to customers. It can be said in a general way that anything can be sent which is properly wrapped and which will not injure other mail matter with which it may come in contact.

Copy Foreign Countries.

It is probable that the government will adopt a means of transportation for certain kinds of its merchandise much like those which have been adopted in parcel post countries abroad. What the English call hamper, basket-like arrangements, probably will be invented, and as these can be kept separate from the ordinary mail matter it is believed that the regulations as finally adopted will allow the sending of eggs, butter, dressed poultry, live poultry, honey, fruit, and other products of the country.

The 11-pound limit for a single package will of course contain in most cases a number of post offices, but each office

may extend over the first unit, any

for some of the articles which have been named. Of course, more weight can be sent if it is sent in different parcels, but the cost in that case will be heavier, because the increase per pound on a single package

will be the same as for the first

unit.

The minimum rate will be five cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound to any point not exceeding fifty miles from the office of mailing; the local rate, which is five cents for the first pound and one cent for additional pound, applies to all parcels the delivery of which does not

involve their transportation on rail-

way lines. The rates increase for each successive one of the eight zones,

the maximum rate being twelve cents a pound, which will carry a parcel

across the continent or to any of our possessions. Parcels will be limited to eleven pounds in weight and six inches in length and girth combined.

Sealed original packages of pro-

prietary articles, such as soaps, tobacco, pills, tablets, etc., put up in fixed quantities by the manufacturer, and not in themselves unmailable, will be accepted for mailing when proper-

ly wrapped.

Confectionery and Soap.

Candies, confectionery, yeast cakes,

soup in hard cakes, etc., must be inclosed in boxes and so wrapped as to prevent injury to other mail mat-

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ly wrapped.

Insurance on Parcels.

A mailable parcel on which the

postage is fully prepaid may be in-

sured against loss in an amount equi-

valent to its actual value, but not to

exceed \$50, on payment of a fee of

ten cents in parcel post stamps, such

stamps to be affixed.

Pistols, Animals, and Birds.

Pistols or revolvers, whether in tan-

ched parts or otherwise; live or

dead, or not stuffed animals, birds,

or poultry, except as elsewhere pro-

vided; raw hides or pelts, guano, or

any article having a bad odor will

not be admitted to the mails.

Maps and Guides.

Parcels post maps, with accompany-

ing guides, are to be sold to the pub-

lic at their cost, 75 cents, through the

chief clerk of the post office depart-

ment. In ordering maps care should

be taken to specify the post office

from which the postage rates are to

be determined.

RULES GOVERNING MAILING OF PACKAGES UNDER NEW SYSTEM

After Jan. 1 One May Mail Anything Weighing Not More Than 11 Pounds by Parcel Post—Perishable Articles May Be Sent Under Specific Restrictions.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has just approved the regulations which cover in detail the articles which may or may not be sent by parcel post.

The rules as to what can be sent and what cannot be sent and the instructions for the preparation of mailable articles with other "official advice" are given here as they have just been prepared by the postoffice department in Washington.

The minimum rate will be five cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound to any point not exceeding fifty miles from the office of mailing; the local rate, which is five cents for the first pound and one cent for additional pound, applies to all parcels the delivery of which does not

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prietary articles, such as soaps, tobacco, pills, tablets, etc., put up in fixed quantities by the manufacturer, and not in themselves unmailable, will be accepted for mailing when proper-

ly wrapped.

Fragile articles such as millinery, toys, musical instruments, etc., and articles consisting wholly or in part of glass, or contained in glass, must be securely packed and the parcel stamp or labeled "FRAGILE."

Unmailable Matter.

The following matter is declared un-

mailable by law:

matter manifestly obscene, lewd, or

lascivious; articles intended for pre-

venting conception; articles intended for indecent or immoral purposes; all

matters otherwise mailable by law, the

outside cover or wrapper of which

contains any delineation or language of a libelous, scurrilous, defamatory, or

threatening character. All such mat-

ter, when deposited in a post office or

time the parcel is forwarded.

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Manufactured Articles.

Manufacturers or dealers intending

to transmit articles in considerab-

FACTS ABOUT THE NEW PARCEL POST

The new parcel post goes into operation January 1, 1913.

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The Pot from Carp Bagdad

by HAROLD MAC GRATH
Author of HEARTS AND MASKS,
The MAN ON THE BOX etc.
Illustrations by M.G. KETTNER
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SYNOPSIS.

upon which he had set no calculation. All three of them!

"Yes. And upon condition that you liberate us all, I will put it into your hands. But it must be my writing this time."

A white man would have blushed under the reproach of her look. Mahomed smiled amably, pleased over his cleverness. "Where is the kiss-well?"

"The kiss-well?"
"The Holy Yildorides. Where is it?"

"That I refuse to tell you. Your word of honor first, to bind the bargain!"

Ryanne laughed. It acted upon Mahomed like a goad. He raised his whip, and had Ryanne's gaze swerved the part of an inch, the blow would have fallen.

"You laugh?" snarled Mahomed.
"Why, yes. A bargain with your honor-makers me laugh."

"And your honor?" returned Mahomed fiercely. He wondered why he had his hand. "I have matched trickery against trickery. My honor has not been called. I fed you, I gave you drink; in return you lied to me, disdained me, in the eyes of my friends, and one of them you killed."

"It was my life or his," exclaimed Ryanne, not restraining the reet of his phase. "It was my life or his; and he was upon my back."

Fortune shuddered. Presently she laid her hand upon Mahomed's arm.

"Would you take my word of honor?" Mahomed sought her eyes. "Yes. I read truth in your eyes. Bring me the rug, and my word of honor to you, you shall go free."

"But my friends?"

"One of them?" Mahomed laughed unpleasantly. "It was an excellent idea. One of them shall go free with you. It will be for you to choose which."

Now, you dog, laugh, laugh," and the tongue of the kurbash bit the dust within an inch of Ryanne's feet.

"What shall I do?" asked Fortune miserably.

"Accept," urged Ryanne. "If you are afraid to choose one or the other of us, Jones and I will spin a coin."

"I agree," said George, very unhappy.

"Have you any paper, Jones?"

George searched. He found the manuscript in the ball of the initial. In another pocket he discovered the little pen that went with it.

"You write," said Mahomed to Fortune.

"I intend to." Fortune took the card and pencil and wrote as follows:

"Mother, Horace, Mr. Jones and I are prisoners of the man who owned the rug which you will find in the large steamroll. Give it to the courier who brings this card. And under no circumstances set spies upon his track." In French she added: "We are bound for Bagdad. In case Mahomed receives the rug and we are not liberated, wire the embassy at Constantinople and the consulate at Bagdad."

She gave it to Mahomed.

"Read if out-loud," he commanded. While he spoke English fluently, he could neither read nor write it in any serviceable degree. The note he had given to Fortune had been written by a friend of his in the bazaars who had upon a time lived in New York. Fortune read slowly, slightly flushing as she evaded the French script.

"That will do," Mahomed agreed.

He shouted for one of the boys, bade him saddle the kurbash or racing camel, which of all those twelve, alone was his, and be off to Cairo. The boy dipped its bowl into the kettle, ate greedily, saddled the camel, and five minutes later was speeding back toward Cairo at a gait that would bring him there late that night.

Fortune and George and Ryanne watched him till he disappeared below a dip and was gone, from view. In the minds of the three watchers the same question rose: would he be too late? George was cheerful enough thereafter, but his cheerfulness was not of the infectious kind.

At noon the caravan was once more upon its way. Ryanne was able to ride. The times of whatever drug had been administered to him had finally evaporated, and he felt only bruised, old, disheartened. An evil day for him when he had set forth for Bagdad in quest of the rug. He was confident that there would be no rug awaiting the courier, and what would be Mahomed's procedure when the boy returned empty-handed? was not difficult to imagine. Mahomed was right; so far honor had not entered into the contest. According to his lights, the Arab was only trying to win the girl.

Mahomed, himself astir by this time, came over to the group leisurely. The three looked like conspirators to his suspicious eye, but unlike conspirators they made no effort to separate because he approached. He understood: as yet they were not afraid of him. That was one of the reasons he hated white men: they could seldom be forced to show fear, even when they possessed it. Well, these three should know what fear was before they saw the last of him. He carried a kurbash, a cowhide whip, which he twirled idly, even suggestively. First, he came to George.

"If you have Yildorides, there is still a chance for you. Cairo is but fifty miles away. Bagdad is several hundred." He drew the whip caressingly through his fingers.

"Do not lie," replied George, a truculent sparkle in his eyes. "I told you that I had it not. It was the truth."

A ripple of anxiety passed over Mahomed's face. "And you?" turning upon Ryanne, with suppressed savagery. How he longed to lay the lash upon the dog!

"Don't look at me," answered Ryanne wistfully. "If I had it I should not be here." Ah, for a bit of his old strength! He would have strangled Mahomed then and there. But the drug and the beating had weakened him terribly.

"If I give you the rug," interposed Fortune, "will you promise freedom to us all?"

Mahomed stopped back, nonplussed. He hadn't expected any information from this quarter.

"I have the rug," declared Fortune calmly, though she could scarcely hear her own voice, her heart beat so furiously.

"You have it?" Mahomed was comfused. Here was a turn in the road

had paid his bill without protest or reproach: it was so much a month to be written down in the expense account. And the first-born had been his natural enemy since the days of the nursery. Still, he could not acquit himself; his own arrangement was as keen as any judge could have made. Strong as he was physically, brilliant as he was mentally, there was a mortal weakness in his blood; and search as he might the history of his ancestors, their lives shed no light upon his own.

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At noon the caravan was once more upon its way. Ryanne was able to ride. The times of whatever drug had been administered to him had finally evaporated, and he felt only bruised, old, disheartened. An evil day for him when he had set forth for Bagdad in quest of the rug. He was confident that there would be no rug awaiting the courier, and what would be Mahomed's procedure when the boy returned empty-handed?

Was it not something sinister behind that name, concerning him? He looked patiently from the girl to the adventure.

Ryanne stared at the yellow desert beyond. Her brain was clearing rapidly under the stimulus of thought. He himself did not believe that they would send out search-parties either for him or for Fortune. He could not fathom what had given Fortune her belief; but he realized that his own was based upon the recollection of that savage mood when he had thrown down the gauntlet. Now they would accept it. He had run away with Fortune as he had boldly threatened to do. The mother, and her precious brother-would proceed at once to New York without him. He had made a the middle of the earth. But for a glass of wine and a grain too much of confidence, he had not been here this day.

Mahomed, himself astir by this time, came over to the group leisurely. The three looked like conspirators to his suspicious eye, but unlike conspirators they made no effort to separate because he approached. He understood: as yet they were not afraid of him. That was one of the reasons he hated white men: they could seldom be forced to show fear, even when they possessed it. Well, these three should know what fear was before they saw the last of him. He carried a kurbash, a cowhide whip, which he twirled idly, even suggestively. First, he came to George.

"If you have Yildorides, there is still a chance for you. Cairo is but fifty miles away. Bagdad is several hundred."

He drew the whip caressingly through his fingers.

"Do not lie," replied George, a truculent sparkle in his eyes. "I told you that I had it not. It was the truth."

A ripple of anxiety passed over Mahomed's face. "And you?" turning upon Ryanne, with suppressed savagery. How he longed to lay the lash upon the dog!

"Don't look at me," answered Ryanne wistfully. "If I had it I should not be here." Ah, for a bit of his old strength! He would have strangled Mahomed then and there. But the drug and the beating had weakened him terribly.

"If I give you the rug," interposed Fortune, "will you promise freedom to us all?"

Mahomed stopped back, nonplussed. He hadn't expected any information from this quarter.

"I have the rug," declared Fortune calmly, though she could scarcely hear her own voice, her heart beat so furiously.

"You have it?" Mahomed was comfused. Here was a turn in the road

and a fire was a welcome thing. This was Arabia; Africa had been left behind. Here they awaited the return of the courier, who arrived two days later, dead tired. The persons to whom the card had been sent had sailed for Naples with the steamer Ludwig. Mohamed turned upon the three misers.

met: One beacon of hope burned in his breast. The Pasha might be disposed, and in that case he could immediately dispose of his own goods and chattels and seek new pastures.

that would rage, might begin reprisals at once, did not alarm her; indeed, her feeling was rather of dull, aching indifference. Nothing mattered now.

But Ryanne and George were keenly aware of the danger, and both agreed that Fortune must go no farther.

Ryanne, under his bitter railing and seeming scorn for sacred things, possessed a latent magnanimity, and it now pushed up through the false layers.

"Jones, it's my funeral. Go tell her. You two can find the way back to the canal, and once there you will have no trouble. Don't bother your head about me."

"But what will you do?"

"Take my medicine," grimly.

"Ryanne, you are offering the cowardly part to me!"

"You fool, it's the girl. What do I care about the rest of it? You're as brave as a lion. When you put up your lists the other night, you solved that puzzle for yourself. For God's sake, do it while I have the courage to let you. Don't you understand? I love that girl better than my heart's blood, and Mohamed can have it drop by drop. Go and go quickly! He will give you food and water."

"You go. She knows you better than me."

"But will she trust me as she will you? Percival, old top, Mohamed will never let me go till he's taken his pound of flesh. Fortune!" Ryanne called.

"Fortune, we want you!"

She appeared at the flap of the tent.

"Jones here will go back with you. Go, both of you, before Mohamed changes his mind."

"Miss Gledsoya, he is wrong. He's the one to go. He was hurt worse than I was. Pride doesn't matter, nor is it a sin to be a coward."

Fortune shook her head. "All of none of us, all or none of us," she repeated.

And Mohamed, having witnessed the scene, laughed, a laughter identical to that which had struck the bairn's ears sinistly.

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"What will he do?" she asked.

"Once another caravan composed wholly of Arabs passed. What hope the prisoners had was instantly snuffed out before the strangers came within hailing. Mohamed hustled his captives into his tent and sworded them.

"He would kill either George or Ryanne if they spoke. He forgot Fortune, however. As the caravan passed, he screamed. Instantly Mohamed clapped his hands roundly over her mouth. The sheik of the passing caravan looked keenly at the girl, smiled grimly and said:

"What is it to him that better than me?"

"His white woman lay in yonder tent?"

"His white woman lay in yonder tent?"

"What is it to him?" he demanded of Fortune.

"What shall I say to him?"

"Whatever you will," Ryanne was tired. She said that argument would be of no use.

"All or none of us?" And Fortune looked at Mohamed with all the pride of her race. "It is not because you wish me to be free; it is because you wish to see one of my companions made base in my eyes. I will not have you go."

"The will of Allah!"

He could not repress the fire of admiration in his own eyes as they took in her beauty, the erect, slender figure, the scorn upon her face, and the fearlessness in her great, dark eyes. Such a woman might have graced the palace of the Great Caliph. He had had in mind many little crevices to practice upon her, that he might see the men writhing, impotent and helpless to aid her. But in this tense and dramatic scene, a sense of shame took possession of him; his pagan heart softened a notch from fury, but from the respect which one brave person gives free-handed to another.

The storm broke. The sun became obscured. Pebbles and splinters of rock sang through the pall of whirling sand. A golden tone enveloped the little gathering.

Had there been no natural protection, they must have ridden blindfolded through the desert travel would per-

mit. One hundred pounds English, and a comfortable fraction over; the yellow-haired dog would have nothing in the end for his pains. It would be what the Peringhi called a good joke.

A week passed. Christmas. And not one of them recalled the day.

Perhaps it was because years had passed since that time when it meant anything to them. The old year went out unlauging; neither did they note this.

Sometimes they rode all day and night, sometimes but half a day, and again, when the water was sweet, they rested the day and night. Never caravans met or crossed them.

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 26

Those of us who have tripped the light fantastic to the music of an inspiring orchestra, who have mingled in the happy crowd and spent an evening, perhaps frivolously, in the joys of a ball room, and met our friends and their companions, may look back to those occasions with a feeling of ecstasy and fond remembrance. The ball room with the prettily dressed ladies, and the gentlemen in the conventional black is a beautiful sight, and the numerous feet moving to the rhythm of the music and the gay and happy faces is one of the greatest social pleasures that has been given the people of the civilized countries.

Past generations have enjoyed the terpsichorean art and it was only necessary to announce that there would be a dance at — and everybody felt privileged to attend. However the social lines are being drawn closer each year. Social classes naturally form themselves in every community. Man is endowed or has cultivated a certain standard of character which, in spite of himself carries him to those of his type and make-up. Here he feels at home, and in no other class.

In every class may be found those of various walks of life. The rich, the professional, the workman, the merchant, all kinds of occupations. It is simply, to use the slang phrase, "up to us" as to whom shall accept our associations. The debauch, who graces a social function, might blame himself for being left out of the invited list next time. To inflict ones presence with the odor of strong drink upon a company of social dancers, is a disgrace, and nothing will segregate one more surely from such functions.

If one must drink, he has no moral right to invade the presence of the ball room while under its influence. "Door rights reserved" should not be necessary upon the invitations, yet these restrictions are sometimes required. These are some of the reasons for social classes. Such are necessary safeguards for our young people. This paper does not wish to pose as a moral dictator, nor that—but it sometimes becomes necessary to offer a thought that may set right some of the well meaning but thoughtless youths. Let's enjoy the dance and endeavor to make our friendhip by because of our presence.

O. P. S.

Why I Buy at Home.

(From the Bay City Tribune, and reproduced in the American Lumber-



DeQuiz—Windy was a barker-in-a-circus once, wasn't he?
De Whiz—Yes.
De Quiz—When did he give up this line of continuous talk?
De Whiz—When he married.

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COMFORT IN TRAVELER'S TEA

One Wise in Lore of Creature Comfort Never Wanders Far With-out Her Own Tea Caddy.

In traveling both at home and abroad, there is great comfort in your own cup of tea. On the steamer, particularly, you miss your own brand and the well-versed traveler who is wise in the lore of creature comforts never wanders far from home without her tea caddy. It adds greatly to her popularity. "Oh, if I only had a good cup of tea," is the general cry on shipboard and then this far-sighted woman produces the cheering leaves, and she becomes the center of attraction, and has her little coterie every afternoon. There are some who prefer it for the morning meal, too, instead of the usual mediocre coffee with condensed milk.

For this poignant need of the traveler, a charming little tea box of mahogany containing a small silver tea caddy and a little tea ball, reproducing a miniature tea kettle, has been put upon the market. It is very simple in arrangement, compact, and easy to pack and makes a really practical gift.

There are many places on the continent where good tea is a real luxury, and many an unsophisticated American is astonished when she pays her bill for what she considers a very simple repast. She finds that her cup of tea costs more than a very elaborate dessert, and so it is a great economy as well as comfort to carry your own tea with you.

HINTS ON CANNING GREENS

Method Which If Followed Carefully Will Insure Success Every Time.

Many things used for greens may be canned by the following method: Pick over carefully and wash the leaves; mixture of kinds is desirable; cook in boiling salted water as for the table until nearly done; do not have much water, but cook in closed kettles to make the steam do the work. Then pack closely in jars and pour over them boiling vinegar to fill every air space; then seal tightly as any other canning. Pack the greens closely in the jar, and when pouring in the boiling vinegar, run a knife blade around the edge in order to open up the spaces for the vinegar. Wrap each jar in brown paper, or put into paper bags, and keep as other canned fruits. Spinach, mustard, chard, beet and other greens are put up in this way.—Commoner.

Tomato Sauce.

One cup strained tomatoes, two tablespoonsful butter, two-tablespoonful flour, quarter teaspoonful salt, sprinkle with pepper. Melt the butter and flour, blend thoroughly and gradually strain tomato, stirring constantly. Both three minutes or more. Season with salt and pepper. If desired, a little chopped onion may be fried with the butter and removed before adding.

Flour, and have baked crackers with it. Split round crackers in halves, spread a thin layer of butter on the inside. Place them the buttered side up in a pan and brown in a hot oven. Serve plain or with tomato sauce or any kind of soups or oyster stew.

Danish Pudding.

One pint dried bread crumbs, roll fine, put tablespoon butter into it, mix, add one-half cup sugar and brown in fry basin. Make a pint or more of apple sauce, sweeten, flavor with fresh lemon, put layer of sauce and layer of bread crumbs into pudding dish; when the dish is full put melted butter on top; bake half hour, then let the pudding get cold and cover with whipped cream. It is better to make the day before it is to be served. It is improved by putting a little fruit spice into the pudding before baking.

Pineapple Pudding.

Drain the juice from a can of pine apple (grated). To the fruit add one-half pound marshmallows broken in small pieces, one-half cupful sugar, one-half cupful chopped English walnuts. Let stand a while, then over it turn one pint heavy sweet cream and whip all together until it becomes a stiff froth or when dropped from the spoon it will stand alone. Stand on ice until ready to serve.

Plum Pudding.

One pound currants, one pound seedless raisins, one pound suet, one quarter pound candied lemon peel cut up fine, one pound sugar, one pound flour, three eggs, one teaspoonful cinnamon, one teaspoonful nutmeg, one small turnip, one small carrot, one small apple, one small potato, this must be grated; mix with three-quarters cup cider. Put in cloth and boil eight hours.

Tutti-Frutti Ice Cream.

Take a tablespoonful each of the following preserved fruits: Raspberries, strawberries, currants, apricots, green grapes, gooseberries, plums and ginger. Add to these a little candied orange peel, cut into tiny, thin pieces. Sweeten a quart of cream with one-half pound of sugar, and add to it a cordial glass of port wine; then thoroughly stir in the fruit and freeze.

Shrimp Salad.

Cream two tablespoonsfuls of butter and four tablespoonsfuls of flour together, add yolks of three eggs and two cups of milk and cook until thickened. Add salt, pepper and a pinch of cayenne pepper, one-half teaspoonful of mustard and one can of shrimps broken in small pieces.

When Breaking Eggs.

Very frequently when separating the whites from the yolks of eggs the yolk becomes broken and falls into the white.

Dip a cloth in warm water, wring it dry and touch the yolk with a corner.

The yolk will adhere to the cloth and may easily be removed.

To Keep Toast.

Toast that is put in a glass jar with the lid screwed on tightly will keep fresh for hours.—Good Housekeeping.

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Notice of Sale.

The Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, in Chancery.

Jacob Katz, Trustee Complainant,

v. E. J. Saltzman, Defendant.

In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, in Chancery, made and entered on the 13th day of May, A. D. 1912, in the above entitled cause, I, the subscriber

a circuit commissioner of the county of Otsego, shall sell, at public auction or vendue, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the court house in the village of Grayling, in said county of Crawford, on the 20th day of January, A. D. 1913, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, all those certain lands situate and described as the Northwest quarter of section twelve [12], in township twenty-six north, of range four West, containing forty acres, more or less.

ANTHONY MARSHALL,
Circuit Court Commissioner
dec12-6t

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the County of Crawford

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Grayling, in said County, on the 14th day of December, A. D. 1912.

Present: Hon. Wellington Batterson Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of George Ranger, deceased.

Oscar Palmer, administrator of said estate, having filed in said court his petition praying for license to sell the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described at private sale for the purpose of distribution.

It is ordered, that the 17th day of January A. D. 1913, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition; and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

WELLINGTON BATTISON,
Judge of Probate.
Wellington Batterson,
dec19-3w Judge of Probate

Thoroughbred Cockerels for Sale.

Rhode Island Reds, that are red, \$1.50 to \$3.00 each. Black Minorcas, \$1.50 to \$3.00 each. White Leghorns, \$1.50 to \$3.00 each. Eggs for hatching ready by March 15. Phone 117 or address, JAMES OGREN, dec 5 12 ff adv. Grayling, Mich.

The tax roll for the township of Maple Forest is now in my hands and I will be at home at my farm every Monday to receive taxes.

Dec. 12 3w OSCAR E. SCHARRON

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 26

Local and Neighborhood News.

Have you renewed your subscription yet?

Rev. V. J. Hufion, spent last Saturday in Gaylord.

Wanted—A new milch cow at once. Dec. 12 tf JULIUS NELSON.

Mrs. T. Sayan, of AuSable, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lucie Baker.

Miss Emma Frederickson spent Christmas with her parents in Gaylord.

Jesse Sales came home from Gaylord to spend Christmas with her parents and friends.

Harry Connine is home from the University of Michigan to spend his holiday vacation.

Miss Clara Nelson who is attending Mt. Pleasant normal is home to spend the holiday vacation.

Mrs. C. W. Hewitt and daughter Greta and Miss Mabel Dargis spent X-Mas in Bay City.

Miss Edna Brown, who is attending the Bliss-Alger college at Saginaw, is home for the holidays.

Molly Johnson of Wolverine spent Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson and family.

Ardolph Olson, of Detroit, is visiting at the home of his father, J. O. Olson and family, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Klatt of Detroit is visiting Mrs. Klatt's mother, Mrs. Johanna Hanson, and family.

Horse for sale cheap. Weight about 1000 pounds. Good for work or driving. Price \$50.00. JOHN STEPHAN.

Mrs. J. B. Woodburn and daughter Miss Bertha and son Earl spent Christmas with relatives in Johannesburg.

Lost—A canteen gun, last evening, between C. T. Jerome's and Charles Tromble's. Finder please leave at this office.

The Methodist Society gave a set of moving pictures at the Temple theater last Saturday night, illustrating the life of Christ from the manger to the cross.

Miss Lillian Bates arrived Tuesday morning from Oxford, Ohio, where she has been attending a school for girls. She will spend her holiday vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bates and family.

Let it be remembered that every dollar spent in patronizing a home enterprise adds to the prosperity of our little city and with the growth of our city's prosperity comes the increase in the value of real estate.

Their will be installation of officers at the Masonic lodge tomorrow (Friday) night. Every member is urged to be present and bid farewell to the retiring officers and welcome the new.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonso Collin, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dawson and Miss Mabel Dawson were called to West Branch Wednesday of last week to attend the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Maude Alexander, who died at her home in Ontonagon.

Zeke Hanson, of Ewen, is in Grayling making his old friends happy by his presence. He is at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. John K. Hanson. He left Grayling about a year ago and this is his first visit home, and as may be imagined he is enjoying it. At present he is in the employ of the L. Jensen Lumber Co., at Ewen.

Twenty-five well filled boxes were sent to as many homes by the Indians of the Goodfellowship club, Monday afternoon. The very liberal contributions by the citizens of Grayling made it possible for the work to be carried out on a much larger scale than was originally planned. Through the personal interest of Mayor T. W. Hanson, over \$188 was collected of which \$17-dollars was spent for toys, \$10 for provisions and the remaining amount for clothing, besides a large quantity of second hand clothing was contributed. The Goodfellowship club wishes to thank all who assisted them in any way. Over eighty-five children are well fed, warmly clothed and happy with new toys this Christmas tide because of this generosity.

Ray Amidon, of Flint, came up to eat X-Mas dinner with his parents.

Ku Hansen who is working in Detroit is home to spend the holidays.

House for rent—Inquire of Mrs. Celia Granger. Dec 5 if adv.

Miss Agnes Hansen who is teaching in Mt. Pleasant is home for the holidays.

Miss Sarah Kelton, of Bay City, is a guest at the home of N. Michelson and family.

C. E. Bingham and family left Monday for Bay City, to spend X-mas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Freeman, of Ypsilanti, are visiting friends and relatives here.

Miss Mabel Dawson, of Bay City, is here to spend Xmas with relatives and friends.

Sam. Collier, of Detroit is home, spending his vacation with parents and friends.

The Danish Sunday school is holding X-mas exercises at Danebod hall this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and Miss Florence, are spending the holidays in Bay City.

Miss Bebbie McCullough has been assisting in the post office during the rush of Xmas mail this week.

Mrs. Geo. S. Dyer arrived last Friday evening for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Walker.

Miss Bessie McCullough, who has been teaching the first four grades in Deward, is home for the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leprasne and Miss Jennie Ingley spent Christmas with the former's daughter, Mrs. Wm. Johnson of Gaylord.

Two beds, complete oil stove, dining room table and couch will be sold cheap, if taken at once. Mrs. George Langevin, Phone 1162.

James Ballard, of Buckley, editor of the Buckley Enterprise, was called here last Thursday by the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. Frank Burgess.

Your ice cream orders for New Year dinner will receive our prompt attention. Orders delivered when wanted. Price 50c per quart. Order early.

OLAF SORENSEN & SON.

Miss Sigma Ellerson came home from her school in Mio. and is spending the holidays with her father and friends, her mother being in Denmark.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon R. DuBois and baby Jean and Miss Florence Doty, of Grand Rapids are guests of their sister Mrs. Oscar Schuman and family. They will return Saturday.

Clyde Hum, who is attending the U. of M. arrived last week to spend his holiday vacation with relatives and friends. He was accompanied by Claude Pehrson, of South Dakota, who is attending the University.

Lost in Grayling—A pocket book containing a gold watch and a small amount of money, by deaf and dumb girl, Sunday, December 22. Watch valued at \$25 dollars. Finder please notify this office.

On Monday last a U. S. Naturalization inspector entered the county clerk's office here without notice and after examining papers and records kept in this office pronounced them very satisfactory, clean and complete in every way.

More than 500 invitations have been issued for the first annual ball and banquet to be given by the Loyal Order of Moose, on New Year's night January 1st. Elaborate preparations are being made to make this party a grand success.

Second Hand Furniture. We have opened a second hand furniture business and will buy and sell second hand furniture. Let us know what you have to sell and look over our bargains when you want to buy. Store on South Side. Phone 62. P. E. JOHNSON.

Oct. 31 tf

Heretofore only paired post stamps will be accepted as postage on articles sent under that classification. The ordinary stamps are not of value as parcel post stamps. Another feature is one that forbids any person taking stamps away from the post office. They must be affixed to parcels at the office of purchase.

We cordially invite every family in this county to become a subscriber to this paper. You need it if you care to keep in touch with home affairs. The price is \$1.50 a year. In return we will give you 52 copies of good clean reading full of news that you can't find in daily papers, and clean enough for any member of the family to read.

The subject of New Year's resolution is looked upon by most of us as joke. To see ones worldly goods going in smoke is not very funny. Make this one-resolution then this year. Insure yourself from the horrors of fire, which is apt to come anytime. We shall be glad to tell you how easy this resolution is kept.

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There was never a prettier party held in the Söder club room than was given by Miss McPhee for her dancing class, last Thursday evening. The little ladies in their dainty frocks and the well groomed little gentlemen made a scene that would surpass that of fairy land. And they tripped the light fantastic in a manner that did credit to Miss McPhee's training. During the evening frappe and wafer were served and at 10 o'clock they bid good night to Miss McPhee and the party the most enjoyable of the season.

Norman Spencer of the M. A. C. is expected here the last of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lee, of Lowell, were business callers in this city last week Thursday.

A ten pound baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Reynolds last Thursday, December 19.

H. C. Walker visited relatives and friends at Alger and Sterling last Friday and Saturday.

Miss Mabel Fischer arrived home from the Normal school at Ypsilanti Friday to spend the holidays with her parents.

Earl Woodburn arrived home from the U. of M. Saturday to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. B. Woodburn, and friends.

There will be a New Year dancing party given at the opera house in Frederic on Tuesday evening, Dec. 31, 1912. Music by Walton's orchestra.

A letter received Monday from Col. Loud at Washington says that he is about to start out on an extended trip to Panama, to be gone several weeks.

Grayling Lodge F. & A. M. elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

W. M.—Geo. Mahon.
S. W.—James Overton.

J. W.—Fred Mutton.

Sec.—A. B. Balling.

S. D.—E. Matson.

J. D.—Geo. Wilbur.

Tyler—A. L. Pond.

Stewards—M. Brenner, A. L. Collier.

Installation of officers on Friday, December 27, 1912. A large audience is expected.

Andrew F. Parker.

Born in Ingham County, this state, June 8, 1866. Came to Crawford county with his parents in the autumn of 1880, and has made his home with them nearly all the time since. He was a charter member of Maple Wood Arbor A. O. O. G. Was placed in Mercy hospital, this city, about a month ago, but steadily declined till the end, which came at 7 o'clock last Sunday morning. He leaves to mourn his death a father, Louis E. Parker, and two brothers, Herbert E. and Arthur. Reinalds were laid at rest in Elmwood cemetery last Tuesday. Rev. Erdridge, of Roscommon, conducted the services which were held at G. A. R. hall.

Card of Sympathy.

We wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many friends and fraternal orders who assisted us during the illness and death of our son and brother, Andrew E., who passed away on Sunday, Dec. 22.

Louis E. PARKER.

and Family.

Condolence.

We, the Sisters of Marvin's Relief Corps No. 162, feel that in the sudden death of Sister Eliza Brott, that

not only but all of her associates feel that a good and true life has gone out, that a faithful wife and loving mother has gone to her reward. We deeply sympathize with our afflicted friends. May their hearts be lifted on the strong wings of Triumphant faith, above earth's cares and changes and the joyful and sweetest influence of the faith gather like a mantle of peace over their stricken souls and enable them to say through their years, "Though he slay me yet I trust him."

God bless you, sorrowing friends. Our words may fail to comfort, yet we pray that though you deplore, you may grow strong to struggle on the way till you shall see your loved one gone before, where all who love shall meet to part no more.

PRUDENCE MARSHALL,

LAURA AMIDON,

FLORENCE SCHRECK,

Committee.

Baked Eggplant With Cheese.

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Tomatoes Stuffed With Mushrooms.

Cut the tops from eight tomatoes and remove the seeds and soft parts, then allow some of the juice to drain off, and dust the inside with salt and pepper. Add a very little onion juice and mix with the juice of the tomato. Add this juice to half a pound of fresh mushrooms, and cook slowly with a little butter. Season and fill the tomato cups with the mixture. Cover with buttered crumb and bake until brown.

Fried Cauliflower—Boil cauliflower until nearly done, then drain. Separate the yolks from the whites of two eggs and mix two tablespoonsfuls of flour with a little water and a dash of salt. Beat the whites until stiff and add the yolks and flour. Dip the pieces of cauliflower in the egg mixture and fry in a deep fat, draining when done. Sprinkle with salt and serve hot.

Parsnip Fritters.

These are delicious. Grate enough boiled parsnips to make a pint, add two beaten eggs, a pint of flour and a pint of milk, two tablespoonsfuls of baking powder and a teaspoonful of salt. Fry in deep fat.

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TO BE TRYING MR. ROOSEVELT'S RUSE.

MAY GET TWO AS COMPROMISE

More Sailors and Marines Also Are Wanted—Tariff Board May Be Revived After the Democrats Have Revised the Schedule.

By GEORGE CLINTON.

Washington.—Secretary of the Navy Meyer has asked for three new battleships. Last year congress authorized only one battleship, and did not authorize that one until there had been a pretty warm controversy on the subject in the house of representatives. It is said that the Republican secretary of the navy has been prompted to ask for three battleships by the fact that the Democratic platform adopted at Baltimore pledged the party to care for the needs of the navy.

Last year, when the naval bill was before the house committee, it became known that the members of the majority party were divided as to the advisability of adding battleships to the navy. Most of the committee members were in favor of the increase, but the opposition was strong on the floor of the house, and particularly strong because some of the recognized party leaders were very much opposed to an enlarged building program. A compromise was effected and one battleship and several smaller ships were authorized for construction.

Trying Roosevelt's Method?

It is believed by many members of congress that Secretary Meyer has in mind just what Theodore Roosevelt had in mind some years ago. Mr. Roosevelt wanted two additional battleships built for the navy, but he knew that congress was opposed to any great increase in the naval strength at that time. So it was that Mr. Roosevelt, wanting two ships, asked for four, and the two were forthcoming in the nature of a compromise, a compromise which probably made the president chuckle, because he got just what he wanted and just what he was afraid he would not get. It is suggested that Mr. Meyer hopes, through the compromise plan to get two ships, whereas if he only asked for two he might have to be content with one.

The United States navy is today third in strength among the naval powers of the world. Great Britain and Germany lead this country, and France follows it as the possessor of fourth place, although the French navy is nearly as strong, on paper at any rate, as the navy of Uncle Sam. The navy department wants more sailors, and it has asked congress, through Senator Perkins of California, who has introduced a bill to that effect, to increase the enlisted strength of the navy by one thousand, bringing the total strength up to 55,500 sailors. An increase is asked for the marine corps of 20 per cent., and if it is granted there will, within the next year be ten thousand five hundred marines in the service of the country.

May Revive Tariff Board.

The tariff board, which went out of existence because of a refusal on the part of congress to renew an appropriation for its support, may possibly come back into being again after the tariff has been revised by the next congress.

There is a strong organization, known as the National Tariff Commission association, which is working hard to arouse public sentiment in favor of a permanent commission, which shall study business conditions at home and abroad and make specific reports on the schedules to congress, with the view of having them adjusted, so that from time to time the tariff on certain articles may be changed without disturbing the whole tariff list.

Already congress is being memorialized by associations and by individuals to give force and effect to a real national tariff commission. It has just been announced that there will be a convention of the advocates of the tariff commission, to be held in Washington, probably simultaneously with the opening of the extra-session of the new congress.

Only One Minority Party?

There have been happenings within a few days in Congress which point to the injection of trouble for the Republicans and Progressives in the next house. It is now currently reported, and believed, from what the Democratic leaders have said privately, that it is the intention of their party in the house and senate, when congress meets in extra session, to recognize only one minority party, namely, the Republican.

On the face of it, it would not seem that this would create any particular amount of trouble, but when the matter of the committees is taken into consideration and the present method of appointing members to them is

thought on, trouble looms large. Under the present system of committee appointments in the house, the majority party and the minority party separately hold caucuses and agree on committee membership. The Democrats, being in control, can do just as they choose in pretty nearly all matters, and so if they recognize only one minority party, thus leaving the Progressives entirely out of consideration, the latter will be wholly at the mercy of the Republicans in committee matters.

It has been announced semi-officially that owing to the large increase in the Democratic membership in the next house, that party's representation on the committees largely will be increased. This means that instead of having a majority on each committee of two or three members, the Democrats in the next house will have a majority in some instances reaching as high as seven or eight. It is within the range of possibilities, perhaps probabilities, that the Progressive party members of the house, of whom there will be nineteen or twenty, will be given no committee representation.

Gloomy for the Progressives.

The Republicans of the house will meet in caucus and will decide on the members who are to represent their party in the committees. If the Democrats, as it is said they are to do, recognize only one minority party, the fate of the Progressives so far as committee representation is concerned, will be entirely in the hands of the Republicans.

The Progressive members intend to hold a caucus of their own and to demand committee representation, but being so greatly in the minority and also being under the handicap of the determination of the Democrats not to recognize them as a party, they perhaps will be able to do nothing more than merely to demand committee representation, for it is seemingly inconceivable that the Progressives will ask the Republicans to do anything for them in the matter of assignments to the subsidiary bodies of the house.

It is virtually certain that the Republicans will have something to say to the Progressives about this committee membership matter, but as there is a stronger partisanship feeling between the Republicans and the Progressives than there is between either of them and the Democrats, the chances are that the Progressives will refuse to accept any favors at the hands of the Republicans. If the Republicans make up their minds to offer committee representation to the Progressives it seems likely, human nature being what it is, that they will offer them only inconspicuous committees and the lowest ranking membership places on each.

Planning for Inauguration.

Washington already is making preparations for its "greatest show on earth." Every fourth year the capital for two months and a half is in the proverbial and perhaps formidable "rush of preparation." It is the intention of the Democrats to make Woodrow Wilson's inauguration a record-breaking event and neither money nor pains will be spared to accomplish the end in view. Prior to every presidential inaugural ceremony two committees are appointed "to put the thing through." There is the congressional committee which this year already has been authorized and the local Washington committee, much larger in membership than the other and which really does a greater amount of work. Congress has provided for the appointment of three members of the senate and three members of the house of representatives to make the necessary arrangements from the law-makers' point of view for the inducting into office of the Democratic president-elect.

All Kinds of Clubs Expected.

Already it is known in Washington that it is the intention of the local committee acting through leading Democrats in all parts of the country to have every state in the Union represented by political organizations, by marching clubs of any proper kind which can make a good parade showing, and by any business bodies which can be represented properly without giving the impression that their endeavors are partisan.

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World's Smallest Dynamo.

What is believed to be the smallest electric dynamo in the world, so small it could be placed on an American penny and not occupy all the space, was recently exhibited before the French Academy of Sciences. The instrument is a perfect miniature of a large machine, and though it is a practical model in all respects, working with a hum that sounds like the buzz of an insect, it weighs only one-fifth of an ounce and is but six-tenths of an inch in height and length, being a little short of this in thickness. It can be used not only as a generator, but also as a motor, consuming in the latter case two amperes of electric current at a pressure of 2.5 volts, and being easily operated by a small pocket battery. Every detail of the machine is accurately made.

Her Speaking Silence.

It is the things she leaves undone that are the most important. She leaves unspent her time, she leaves unspent her strength, she leaves unspent her life.

Marta was five years old, and she had been told so many times that she was a big girl now and must be good that her very soul had sickened. "I don't want to be five years old any longer," she grumbled. "I'm tired of being five and good enough to kill you. I'd rather stay four and be just medium and have a good time."

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Missed.

Patron—"What took you so long with my eggs?" Waiter—"I was late, sir, but they were awful."

COUNTING UNCLE SAM'S CASH.



THE MARKETS.

DELTOMA Extra dried steers, \$7.50
1,000 lbs. and heifers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., \$7.25-\$7.50; steers and heifers, \$6.00 to \$7.75; steers and heifers that are fat, 60 to 700 lbs., \$4.25-\$6.00.
DRY COWS Common cows, \$8.25-\$9.15
1,500; choice heavy bulls, \$5.50-\$6.60; fair to good bologna bulls, \$4.50-\$5.50; 1,000 lbs., \$4.75-\$6.60; fair feeding steers, 100 to 1,000 lbs., \$6.25-\$6.50; choice stockers, 500 to 700 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.75; stock heifers, 500 to 1,000 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.75; medium age, \$4.00-\$7.00; common milkers, \$3.00-\$4.00.
veal Calves Receipts, 483; market dull at last week's prices; best, \$6.50-\$7.11; ordinary, \$4.00-\$5.11; Mich. cows and springers, steady.

Sheep and Lambs Receipts, 4,822; sheep steady, lambs 25c lower than last week's prices; lamb, fat, \$7.50-\$7.75; light to common lambs, \$4.50-\$5; fair to good sheep, \$3.00-\$4; cattle and common, \$2.75-\$3.

Hogs Receipts, 4,107; no hogs offered at noon; prices are as follows: Range of prices—light to good butchers, \$7.45-\$7.55; pigs, \$6.00-\$6.25; light workers, \$7.00-\$7.10; roughs, one-third off.

Butchered hams will be no market here Christmas day.

EAST BUFFALO N. Y. Cattle—Dull, very steady, market dull, about steady, choice, \$6.75-\$8.00; steers, \$5.00-\$6.25; dairies, \$6.75-\$7.00. Sheep and lambs—Slow; lambs, \$4.00-\$5.00; lambs, \$4.00-\$5.00; ewes, \$2.50-\$4.00; sheep mixed, \$3.25-\$4.75.

GRAIN, ETC.

WHEAT Cash No. 1, No. 1, \$1.07-\$1.22; Premium, \$1.07-\$1.11; choice, \$1.07-\$1.22; declined at \$1.07-\$1.22; May opened at \$1.12-\$1.22; declined to \$1.11-\$1.24 and closed at \$1.11-\$1.24; July opened at \$1.12-\$1.22 and closed at \$1.11-\$1.21; No. 1 white, \$1.08-\$1.22; COIN—Cash No. 3, 49c; No. 3 yellow, 42c; No. 4 standard, 37c; No. 3 white, 36c; No. 4 white, 35c; No. 5, 31-12-20.

RYE Cash No. 1, \$1.07-\$1.22.

BEANS All shipments, \$2.18.

CLAVEN Seed—Dull, spot, \$11.30; average, \$11.30-\$12.00; sample, 7 lbs. at \$10.25.

FL. OIL—One-eighth pipe sacks, per 100 pounds, Jobbing lots: Best, patent, \$4.30-\$4.50; straight, \$4.30-\$4.50; clear, \$4.30-\$4.50; spring, patent, \$4.30-\$4.50; PEPP.—In 100lb. sacks, Jobbing lots: Best, \$2.25-\$2.50; straight, \$2.25-\$2.50; corn and oil, cheap, \$2.25 per ton.

GENERAL MARKETS

The position during the past month is quite interesting and the finding of business prevents us to nearly all lines. Poultry drag a little, but chickens are in good demand and there is a firm market for turkeys and fowl supply, but there is a scarcity of turkeys. Dressed hens are dull—easy and dressed calves active. The market is steady, too, for dry products and articles. Fresh vegetables are steady and in good demand.

Butter, butter creamery, 22c; cream, 25c; eggs, 25c; dairy, 25c; packing, 21c per lb.

Eggs—Current receipts, candle, cases included, 28c per dozen.

APPLES—Eddystone, \$2.50-\$2.50; green, \$2.50-\$2.75; gray, \$2.50-\$2.75; steel, red, \$2.50-\$2.75.

CABBAGES—\$1.60-\$1.75 per bushel.

CAULIFLOWERS—Ordinary, 100c; fancy, 12c.

CHICORY—\$1.00-\$1.10 per bushel.

CHICKENS—\$1.50-\$1.75 per dozen.

CLOVER—Michigan, sacks, 5c bushel.

COLESLAW—50c bushel.

CORN—Canned, 10c per lb.

COTTON—\$1.25-\$1.30 per bushel.

DRESSING—\$1.00-\$1.25 per dozen.

EGGS—\$1.00-\$1.25 per dozen.

FISH—\$1.00-\$1.25 per pound.

FRUIT—\$1.00-\$1.25 per pound.

GRANOLA—\$1.00-\$1.25 per pound.

HAZELNUTS—\$1.00-\$1.25 per pound.

LEAVES—\$1.00-\$1.25 per pound.

LIMA BEANS—\$1.00-\$1.25 per pound.

LIVER—\$1.00-\$1.25 per pound.

MEAT—\$1.00-\$1.25 per pound.

MILK—\$1.00-\$1.25 per quart.

MOLASSES—\$1.00-\$1.25 per quart.

ONIONS—\$1.00-\$1.25 per pound.

POTATOES—Michigan, sacks, 5c bushel.

RAISINS—\$1.00-\$1.25 per pound.

ROSES—\$1.00-\$1.25 per dozen.

SPINACH—\$1.00-\$1.25 per pound.

STARCH—\$1.00-\$1.25 per pound.

VEGETABLES—\$1.00-\$1.25 per pound.

WHEAT—\$1.00-\$1.25 per bushel.

WHEAT FLOUR—\$1.00-\$1.25 per bushel.

WHEAT MEAL—\$1.00-\$1.25 per bushel.

WHEAT SPICES—\$1.00-\$1.25 per pound.

WHEAT SUGAR—\$1.00-\$1.25 per pound.

WHEAT TEA—\$1.00-\$1.25 per pound.

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